

ABSTRACT

A method for selecting the best access for terminals (210) in IP-based multi-access communication systems (200) is provided. The access selection is performed on the network side by an access wizard (261) that communicates with a profile server (262) associated with a number of databases (263). Via the profile server, the access wizard collects database information related to user, terminal, access networks and/or operator. It determines a "best" access network based on this information and preferably also on terminal specific information, e.g. terminal location and available access networks, from an access wizard agent (213) in the terminal. The best access is signaled from the access wizard, via the access wizard agent, and to an access manager (214) in the terminal, which has means for executing the actions necessary to use the best access.

(Fig. 2)